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The Honorable Elliot L. Richardson  
The Secretary of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Elliot,

Following up on our conversation of 9 April 1976, the following is pertinent to the recent press allegations concerning the involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency in Lockheed Corporation's bribery activities in Japan.

Since these allegations first surfaced on 2 April, we have conducted an exhaustive research of our files and interviewed a number of officers, both active and retired, who might be familiar with the subject. This investigation has confirmed that this Agency and its personnel had absolutely no involvement in the Lockheed Corporation's efforts to sell its aircraft in Japan. Nor did this Agency have any connection whatsoever with Deak and Company activities in Japan or its alleged association in the Lockheed affair.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, I would be happy to make available an officer who can brief you on all details of these matters.

Sincerely,

*George Bush*  
George Bush  
Director

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